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BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL Record

TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

The outstanding record of achievement made by the Volunteers at Beth Israel Hospital is indeed worthy of its full-time leader, Miss Dorothy Brickman. There is hardly a section of the hospital which has not benefitted by its prompt, dependable and efficient assistance.

Its ranks are filled with persons from our Women's Auxiliary, schools and colleges, the Volunteer Service bureau of the Council of Social Agencies, business girls, Red Cross, Girl Scout groups, mens' organizations and individuals recruited by the volunteer workers themselves. Those of us close to the internal workings of the hospital have observed with pleasure the invaluable services of groups representing Out Patient Department, Dining Rooms, Surgical Dressings, Grey Ladies, Male Volunteer Corps, Library Service, Reading to Children, Gift Shop, Nurses Aides, Blood Bank and numerous others.

The objectives of the Volunteer Service have been achieved in a most commendable manner. Not only is the trained personnel of the hospital better able to perform its duties, but also greater benefits come to the patients directly as a result of the time, talents and personal interest of the Volunteer workers. Highly important is the fact that the Volunteers are in a position to tell people about the services which the hospital renders.

Our appreciation of the magnificent job done by the Volunteers at the hospital does not lessen our admiration for the all-important performance of the employed personnel. Working as a team and shoulder to shoulder, both groups play their part in caring for all who come to us for relief.

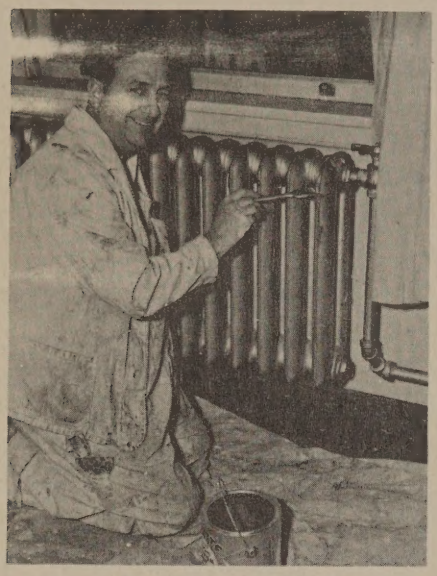
Charles F. Wilinsky, M.D.

DR. MANDELSTAM LEAVES B. I.

Dr. Wilinsky presents Dr. Mandelstam with a gift from the Department Heads at a dinner given in his honor.

Dr. & Mrs. Mandelstam show gift presented by Miss Helen Swartz on behalf of the employees.

PERSONALITIES



ROY DAURIE

This picture hardly needs a caption, because Roy is so well known to all of his fellow workers. After 17 years of loyal service to the hospital, he is certainly entitled to feel that here at Beth Israel he has found a second family of friends.

Roy commutes daily from North Easton where he lives with his wife and four children; three daughters and a son. He is also the proud grandfather of six youngsters.

The Beth Israel Record extends best wishes for many more years of happy association.

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THE RECORD SHOWS

The X-Ray Department has a new Assistant Resident, *Dr. Helen Ross*, ---*Dr. David Kahn* of Saskatchewan is our new Resident in Pathology.

Among the many engagements: *Janet Tobias* (Path Lab) to *Dr. Alvin Morris*, former B.I. intern; *Jeanne Spelman* (Food Clinic) to *Charles F. Smyth; Leda Kaplan* (X-Ray) to *Sanford Fern; Ann Blais* dietitian, to *Stephen Hoye* of Harvard Medical School; *Miriam Kelleher*, Dr. Wilinsky's executive secretary, to *Paul Keyes* of the Yankee Network

The many friends of *Dr. Louis Hermanson* were pleased to learn of his recent marriage to *Miss Lillian Siskind* of Brookline, Mass.

Recent changes in the Administration have caused a shift in the Out Patient Department. *Mr. Nelson Lindley* has been appointed Administrator of the Out Patient Department, and *Miss Helen Culbertson* is now the Assistant Director of Personnel.

"B.I.H. ISN'T READY YET. LETS TRY BOSTON LYING IN."

GREY LADIES VOLUNTEERS

At Beth Israel they are synonymous! Since the inception of the Grey Lady Committee which is the second oldest in the Boston American Red Cross Chapter, these women have given valuable service throughout the hospital. Mrs. Daniel Bloomfield was the first chairman with Mrs. Gabriel Stern following. Mrs. William Spunt heads the present group with Mrs. Bertram Dane as vice chairman.

These volunteers serve in all capacities both in the main part of the hospital and the Out Patient Department in all jobs done by regular volunteers. In addition, however, they are privileged to serve on the floors where there are bed patients.

Our Grey Ladies assist in other community activities throughout Boston as at the Red Cross Blood Banks, at City Hospital on Christmas Day and during the arrival of the DP boats. They are ready to serve!

This period marks the largest enrollment of Grey Ladies and the greatest amount of hours served by them in the history of Beth Israel.

The Beth Israel Record is proud to present a few pictures of the many activities of these ladies.

A group of Grey Ladies were trained at Beth Israel in a training course worked out in cooperation with Red Cross. Ordinarily, the groups are given training at Red Cross Headquarters, where Miss Dorothy Brickman, Director of Volunteer Service, has delivered the lecture on the 'Role of the Volunteer in the Hospital.'

These Ladies in Grey are at your service. Call VOLUNTEER SERVICE for their assistance! They are in the hospital to help any department, whatever its need may be.

GREY LADIES SERVING BETH ISRAEL

1. Mrs. William Spunt, Chairman Of Grey Ladies at Beth Israel, assists patient in the Out Patient Department. This desk is covered by a Grey Lady each day in the week and in addition, she is Captain of the Day of Grey Ladies.

2. Mrs. Sidney Drooker adds a bit of happiness with her story telling. Volunteers assist in the Children's Ward in many capacities.

3. Partial group of daytime Grey Ladies.

4. Mrs. E. Sugarman assists with lab work. Grey Ladies do special work in many departments which often necessitate special training.

5. The Wednesday Library Group, Mrs. L. Pike, Mrs. W. Goldman, Mrs. E. Roseman, Mrs. S. Gould, and Mrs. J. Rittenberg. The Library group makes distribution of books and magazines to patients 3 times weekly. Mrs. Pike is Chairman of the group. The Mon. & Fri. committee is not pictured.

DR. MANDELSTAM LEAVES

Dr. B. W. Mandelstam resigned his position as Assistant Director and Director of the Out Patient Department on February 1, 1949, to accept the position of Director of the Littauer Hospital in Gloversville, N. Y. With his going he concluded two years of outstanding service to the hospital and the community.

Following his studies at Harvard College and Tufts Medical School, he spent several years in private practice in Bridgewater, Mass. In October of 1940 he became associated with the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare as its Medical Consultant, in which role he assisted local boards of health throughout the state in setting up medical care programs for the indigent.

During the height of the War, he was instrumental in organizing and directing the Beth Israel Male Volunteer Corps, which continues today to render great service to the patients of the hospital. Leaving Boston in February of 1945, he went to New York to become Assistant Director at the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn. His return to his native Boston was welcomed as he assumed his post at Beth Israel in March of 1947.

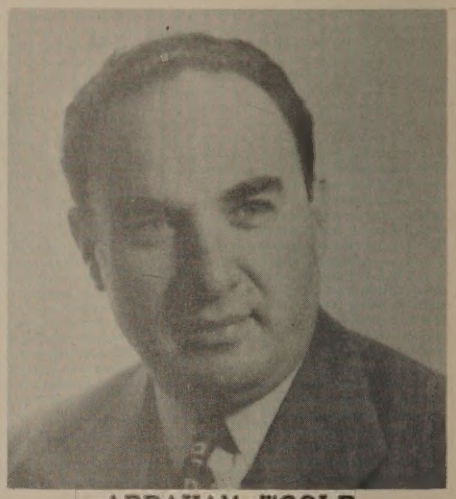
His progress and success in the administrative field is assured as he takes over the reins of a community hospital in upper New York State. His natural love of people and deep concern with their health problems will guide him to ward accomplishing the truly humanitarian goal of bringing the best of modern medical science to all who seek its benefits.

We at Beth Israel are proud to have been associated with this physician, administrator and friend.

NURSES NOTES

The Alumnae held their annual formal dance Saturday, January 29, at the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Kenmore, music by Gene Dennis, a very pleasant evening. ---*Miss Goldie Crocker* and *Miss Beatrice LeMay* have left as Night Supervisors and have been replaced by *Miss Edith Levine* and *Rita Handler*.---*Miss Mary Deegan* left the 20th of February to join the ranks of the married nurses. She is going to live in Providence, R. I. *Miss Frances Siegel* is the new Head Nurse and *Rhoda Westerman* Assistant Head Nurse.---Sixteen students were capped February 24, in the living room of the Nurses' Home. *Miss Ruth Katz* received the Alice L. Lake award, given by the B.I.H. Nurses' Alumnae Association to the student making the highest grades in her pre-clinical period. ---A very pleasant Chanukah Christmas party was held in the Nurses' Home the last week in December. Gifts were exchanged and we enjoyed refreshments sitting in front of the fireplace.--Baby news! A boy to *Dr. and Mrs. Halperin (Libbye Shaer)*.--A new class of seven entered the School of Nursing on Monday, January 31. A welcoming tea was given them Thursday, February 3, by the Class of 1951. All enjoyed a pleasant evening.---The Students' Valentine Dance was held Saturday, February 12. As usual music and refreshments were super-- A pleasant surprise shower for Mary *Deegan* was held in the Nurses' Home Wednesday, February 9.--- Officers of the Alumnae Association *Thelma Raphael*----President *Leah Appel Carver* - Vice President *Rae Cohen*----Treasurer *Ruth Freedman* - Corresponding Secretary *Sylvia Osharow Bailet* - Recording Secretary

OWNERS' REPRESENTATIVE



ABRAHAM WOOLF

This is Mr. Abraham Woolf, Architectural Engineer, graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1928. He is stationed in the Beth Israel Hospital in the capacity of Owners' Representative. His duties in the Hospital consist of the general control of the administration connected with the new construction program and the coordination of this program with the needs of the Hospital.

Mr. Woolf has been active in the construction business for the past 20 years, and his experience has carried him throughout the United States on several of the largest industrial programs connected with the automotive and aircraft industry located in the mid-West for such organizations as the Pratt Whitney Company, Chrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company, and General Motors. His early experience with the Stone and Webster Company in Boston, Massachusetts included several of the larger hydro-electric stations and industries of the Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron properties in Pennsylvania.

PERSONNEL HEALTH CLINIC

A new clinic has been established for the aid and protection of the hospital personnel. All new employees will be asked to have a complete physical examination before they become permanent members of the hospital staff.

The Personnel Clinic is open from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM Monday through Friday on the first floor of the Out Patient Department. Any employee needing other than emergency care should request a referral slip from his Department Head.

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS

Miss Rosalind L. Herrmann, former Case Work Supervisor in the Social Service Department, is now assisting in the research project on multiple sclerosis under the direction of Dr. Leo Alexander, working both at Beth Israel Hospital and the Boston State Hospital.

As part of a recent reorganization of the Social Service staff, both Mrs. Beatrice Phillips and Miss Virginia Insley have been promoted from staff to supervisory positions.

Miss Ruth Darr, graduate student at Simmons School of Social Work is now having her field work experience in our Social Service Department. Miss Darr was formerly Director of Social Service at the Quincy Hospital and a staff worker at the Cushing Veterans Administration Hospital.

The United Auto Workers-CIO has appointed a nine member Health and Medical Care Advisory Committee, representing clinical medicine, medical research, hospital administration, health insurance, public health, nursing and medical social service. Miss Ethel Cohen, Director of Beth Israel Hospital Social Service, is the social work member of this committee.

ELKS LODGE PRESENTS CHECK

Left to right; Dexter S. Cohen, E.L.K., Philip Kreem, George J. Keary, E.R., T. Frank Maloney, P.E.R., Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, Executive Director, Beth Israel Hospital, Charles Demarais, Louis Caporiccio, P.E.R.

The '400 Club' sponsored by the Watertown Lodge of Elks distributed their 1948 Charity Fund by presenting to the Beth Israel Hospital on February 26, 1949, the sum of five hundred dollars to be used for research work in the disease of multiple sclerosis.

The presentation speech, in part, is quoted:

'Your organization, like ours, is founded upon Americanism, Brotherhood and Charity. You dedicate your charity to the alleviation of the suffering of mankind without respect to race, color or creed. Your history and traditions are an inspiration to the members of Watertown Lodge of Elks. Your great research work in the field of multiple sclerosis has particularly been brought to our attention. By unanimous vote of the membership, we present you with this small token of our appreciation and trust that it may assist you in carrying out your great purpose.

The '400 Club' was founded by Louis Caporiccio, P.E.R., in 1946 and through the past years has given an iron lung to the Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, an electro cardigraph machine to the Holy Ghost Hospital of Cambridge, besides numerous wheel chairs and other equipment which have been loaned to the citizens of this and neighboring towns.

All funds raised by the '400 Club' are donated to charitable purposes after investigation by its general committee and with the approval of the Watertown Lodge of Elks.

Serving for the year 1948 on the general committee were Louis Caporiccio, P.E.R. Honorary Chairman; Arthur Descoteau, P.E.R. General Chairman; Dexter S. Cohen, E.L.K. Secretary, and Percy C. Walker, Treasurer.

Women's Auxiliary News

A magic wand should be necessary to transform a cast-off evening dress or an outgrown pair of shoes into the many blood transfusions necessary to save the life of a patient suffering from a bleeding ulcer, the oxygen needed by a man gasping for breath or special nursing care for a sick child.

Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Beth Israel Hospital have substituted common sense and hard work for dealings with the occult, and are accomplishing this modern miracle by operating a Thrift Shop at 106 Washington St., Brookline Village, which offers bargains to its customers and gives all profits to provide drugs, blood transfusions, special nursing care and other emergency services for ward patients at the hospital on Brookline Avenue.

The Auxiliary bulletin carries word to its 5,000 members that clothes, furniture, linens, jewelry, bric-a-brac or almost anything in usable condition would be welcome merchandise at the Thrift Shop. Seconds of new goods are sometimes donated by manufacturers which helps to bring low prices to the shop's customers.

To prospective buyers who often trek from distant places the shop becomes a social center as well as a store.

Sometimes a bride-to-be will stop to try on the gaily colored dresses worn by a college girl, or an old man will stop to visit with the ladies as he searches for an antique teapot to remind him of days gone by.

Since work at the shop is captained each week by a different volunteer who is responsible for all merchandise on sale for her week, competition is keen among the workers who are as eager to achieve high sales quotas for the benefit of ward patients as professional sales personnel are anxious to improve their status in commercial stores.

Each captain will feature merchandise with which she is particularly familiar during her 'working week' from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day except Sunday. When Mrs. Edward Rose of Boston and Mrs. Harold Gross of Brookline as co-captains were in charge a few weeks ago, baby needs were prominently displayed. Crib-liners, diaper bags, cuddle-nests, small hats, shoes and crew shirts are available to all comers with a bit of loose change. As mothers brought their children to the shop, the young ones were pacified with lollipops. Mrs. Lester Rosenburg, former president of the Boston Section, National Council of Jewish Women, was in charge during another week in February, assisted by a staff of Council members.

Those responsible for the shop on a year-round basis include Mrs. Herman A. Mintz, chariman of volunteer workers and Mrs. Joseph Levy, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Beth Israel Hospital.

A custom-made suit created by a famous designer will often go for a song at the Thrift Shop. A volunteer worker has been known to purchase a hat she envied on the head of one of her friends at last spring's luncheon, taking care that the hat and the friend will not be likely to meet at a social event this season.

When sales results are tabulated the ladies will know just how many neckties, girdles, ice skates and hot water bottles had to be sold to provide the $10 a day necessary for repeated doses of penicillin to save the life of a hospital patient suffering from subacute bacterial endocarditis, an infection of the valves of the heart which was invariably fatal before the development of this drug.

They will know how much glassware, costume jewelry, chinaware, how many radios, baby carriages, pictures, fur coats, blouses and books have to change owners to pay for nursing care for a child whose joints are deformed with severe arthritis.

1949 AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

Rooms in the new building are to be furnished by the Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary, which invites gifts from all women whose donations, whether large or small, will be most gratefully received.

Every woman will want to participate in this new project to help equip a magnificent structure dedicated to life and health. The furnishings include the fittings for an entire room, a bed and rubber foam mattress, a wheel chair, a bassinet, an overbed table, an oxygen mask, a bedside floor lamp, a pair of crib blankets, linens and other articles.

Mrs. Ira I. Nelson, Chairman of Furnishings for the new wing, has a working committee of more than 200 women.

Mrs. Abraham E. Pinanski and Mrs. Nehemiah H. Whitman will be chairmen of districts and Mrs. E. Geoffrey Nathan heads the Speakers' Committee.

Mrs. Joseph Levy is President of the Women's Auxiliary and Mrs. Irving Zussman, Chairman of the 1949 Luncheon.